GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3418
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ALLOCATION OF KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed for allocation of kerosene under PDS and open market;

(b) the quantity of kerosene released to each State and Union Territory during each of the last three years; till date;

(c) whether some State Governments have requested to increase their kerosene quotas under PDS and open market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): The Central Government allocates Kerosene (SKO) to the States and Union Territories (UTs) for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS). In terms of the policy in place since 2001-02, SKO allocations to States/UTs have been reduced after taking into account the number of new LPG connections released in the States/UTs. The States/UTs were advised to rationalize the distribution of their kerosene quotas by excluding ration card holders having LPG connections with single/double cylinders, and distributing the quantity thus saved to needy people. The State/UT-wise details of allocations during the last three years are at Annexe. In addition to PDS kerosene, Oil Companies market free sale kerosene on commercial considerations.

(c): This Ministry has received representations from various State Governments/UTs for the enhancement of their SKO quotas under PDS.

(d) : An additional allocation of 1,50,502 Metric Tonnes (MTs) of PDS SKO during 2004-05 has been made to various States/UTs to meet their urgent requirements. The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) have been commissioned to undertake the first-ever study of kerosene demand in the country. Further action will be taken after the NCAER report has been received and studied.

ANNEXE

Annexe referred to in parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3418 for 24.03.2005 by Shri Ajit Jogi & others regarding Allocation of Kerosene.

State/UT-wise PDS SKO allocation during 2002-03 to 2004-2005

State/UT	Allocation (in MTs)		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-2005
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6000	5907	6750
Andhra Pradesh	549592	523022	524940
Arunachal Pradesh	9793	9447	10424
Assam	265524	258128	262007
Bihar	646618	637221	648208
Chandigarh	14089	13229	16651
Chattishgarh	147977	145042	143354
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3003	2853	2782
Daman & Diu	2273	2194	2118
Delhi	188854	178756	168484
Goa	21999	20469	19601
Gujarat	783293	760542	743953
Haryana	155928	146857	145656

Himachal Pradesh	56509	53134	50537
Jammu & Kashmir	88850	81626	78702
Jharkhand	216766	213399	211175
Karnataka	500625	480157	461478
Kerala	236758	224243	221755
Lakshadweep	874	874	795
Madhya Pradesh	497726	487397	488609
Maharashtra	1384353	1300780	1276876
Manipur	20857	20233	19907
Meghalaya	20847	20597	20690
Mizoram	6748	6457	6217
Nagaland	13432	13140	13412
Orissa	317443	318947	315755
Pondicherry	13307	12856	12568
Punjab	272143	250329	237192
Rajasthan	417204	406152	398913
Sikkim	6403	5881	5854
Tamil Nadu	582712	562283	566711
Tripura	31545	30621	30832
Uttar Pradesh	1261121	1232633	1263173
Uttaranchal	98454	98459	89849
West Bengal	778784	763727	756383
Total	9618404	9287590	9222309

Allocation includes ad-hoc/additional allocations.